

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Joseph P. Rynd, *et al.*  
Application No.: 10/722,929  
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Examiner: Jeffrey Wollschlager  
Title: Method Of Forming Thermoplastic Foams Using Nano-  
Particles To Control Cell Morphology

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination of Serial No. 10/722,929. That application had received a Notice of Allowance previously, but required correction prior to issue.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.